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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Martin Elson, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Maryellen Simas, RDH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Eric George, DMD

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Esposito, Board Manager
Amy Coleman, JD, Legal Counsel
Sarah Harrigan, Chief

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA
Marian Royer – RIDA
James Balerkjian - DDRI
Pamela Coletti - RIDAA
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA
Rebecca Kislak - RIHCA

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on a motion by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Motion carried.

2. Chief's Report

Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions, provided the Board with a progress update regarding the hiring of the Board Administrator candidate, Sharon Friend.

Martin Elson, DDS, arrived at 8:15 a.m.

3. Public Comment

Marie Jones-Bridges thanked everyone for their help in revising the Dental Hygienist Rules and Regulations.

4. Presentation of the September 2, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, September 2, 2015, as amended. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. Review of Issued Licenses List

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting.

6. Chairperson's Report

- **Communications**

Chairman Dodge asked Martin Nager, DMD, to update the Board on certain events. Dr. Nager provided an update of the services provided by the Dental Lifeline Network – RI Donated Dental Services program, including the 2013-2014 Annual Report. Dr. Nager also provided information to the Board regarding a fundraiser to be held to benefit the Donated Dental Services program.

Chairman Dodge announced to the Board that he has nominated Russell Chin, DDS, for Board of Directors Member at Large of CDCA. The CDCA will be holding elections at their annual meeting in January to fill a number of posts. If elected, Dr. Chin would represent the entire CDCA membership on the Board of Directors.

- **License Committee Meeting**

No License Committee Meeting was held for October 7, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

- **November 4, 2015 Board Meeting**

Chairman Dodge confirmed that the November 4, 2015 Board Meeting will go forward as scheduled. Since Chairman Dodge will be away at a conference at that time, Vice Chairman Puerini will conduct the meeting.

7. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

- A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by, Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed. to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:25 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

8. Motion to Return to Open Session

- Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, at 9:20 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- No final actions taken

10. New Business

- The Board reviewed the August 12, 2015, September 15, 2015 and September 23, 2015 Dental Hygiene Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee, including Public Hygienists, Open Session Minutes, the Final Draft of the proposed Public Health Dental Hygienists Rules and Regulations.
- Marie Jones-Bridges also provided more information for review and consideration by the Board as an addition to the Public Health Dental Hygienists Rules and Regulations, as follows:
 - Page 5, line 79, add: “...consistent with **Written Collaborative Agreement (WCA) with a Public Health Dental Hygienist**” and add cite
 - Pages 5 through 6, lines 86-97, change section to read as:
“2. Educational requirements for the Public Health Dental Hygienist:
 - a. Prior to practicing as a public health dental hygienist, the dental hygienist shall successfully complete a minimum of 12 hours in a CODA approved course in the following area:
 - i) Public Health Fundamentals:
 - a. Infection Control (CDC Guidelines)
 - b. Risk management for practice in a public health setting and
 - c. Management of medical emergencies
 - b. In addition a minimum of 6 hours of hands on experience in a public health setting.
 - c. Successful completion within twenty-four (24) months to permit issuance as a public health dental hygienist.
- Page 18, line 313, add: “...in consultation with a collaborative dentist.”

A Motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to approve the proposed changes to the Public Health Dental Hygienist Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

Sarah Harrigan left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Louis Marciano left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Maryellen Simas left the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

11. Old Business

- **Discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations and Community Review**

After discussion, the following changes to the current Proposed Rules and Regulations were recommended:

- Add language: “Any disciplinary and/or criminal action must be reported to the Board within 30 days of adjudication.”
- Page i, Introduction, change to read as: “These amended Rules and Regulations...”
- §14.2.1(b) change “July” back to “May”
- §17.1.2(b) change to read as: “Such procedures may include the application of pit and fissure sealants, coronal polishing, placing and/or removing retraction cord and fluoride treatments, provided:”
- §17.1.3 change to read as: “A dental assistant may perform reversible intraoral procedures under the direct supervision of the dentist. He/she may not perform any of the procedures listed specifically for a licensed dental hygienist or DANB-certified dental assistant nor any irreversible intraoral procedures.”
- §18.1(4) change to read as: “Administering general anesthesia/deep sedation, moderate sedation and/or minimal sedation, or nitrous oxide plus medication;”
- §18.1(5) change to read as: “Administering inhalants;” (delete rest of sentence)
- §18.1(6) change to read as: “Taking impressions for models upon which full or partial dentures, or permanent crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, posts and cores will be fabricated including, but not limited to, conventional or digital impressions;”
- §18.1(10) paragraph to read as: “Placement or removal of bonded orthodontic attachments and/or cementation or removal of orthodontic bands;”
- §29.1(a) change to read as: “The name, address, and date of birth of the patient and, if a minor, the name of the parent or guardian and any disclosure statements, authorizations and/or consent forms;”
- §29.1.1(f) change to read as: “A description of all radiographs taken and of diagnostic models made;”
- §29.1.1(g) change to read as: “The date, dosage and amount of any medication or drug prescribed, dispensed or administered to the patient and Prescription Monitoring Program query results, if appropriate;”
- §31.1(f) correct spelling: “...DANNCE...” to “...DAANCE...”
- §31.1(dd) change to read as: “Failure to follow current minimum infection control recommendations developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published in the document entitled “Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings 2003, and weekly spore testing.”
- Page 44, Appendix A 1(a) remove last sentence in paragraph: “A random audit of five percent (5%) of licensees

~~will be performed for license renewals upon completion of biennial period. Licenses are renewed annually on July 1st.~~

- Page 46, (6)A, change to read as: *"A maximum of six (6) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category, Examples include Children's Dental Health Month, Give Kids a Smile Day, RI Mission of Mercy, Dental Lifeline Network activities. Credit will be given only for the time spent in direct clinical care and/or patient education. The number of continuing education credits will be approved in advance by:..."*
- Page 46, remove footnote: ~~"⁵Credit will be given only for the time spent in direct clinical care and/or patient education."~~

A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, to accept all proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations, including amendments as indicated, effective October 7, 2015. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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